

Ellwood Community Primary School

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Our value this term is: Respect

February 8th 2024

Weekly Attendance

Our aim is to have our weekly attendance above 97% in line with the Local Authority's expectation. This week, our **whole school attendance was 93.6%**.

Well done to Oak class this week for both getting the highest attendance!

Please remember to report a child's absence before 9.30 a.m. ideally before the start of school by either phoning the school on 01594 833232 or emailing

admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk

Thank you.

Oak	98.8%
Chestnut	95.2%
Beech	85%
Sycamore	93.8%
Willow	97%

Reminder - Cake sale - Friday 9th February

A reminder please that Isabella in year 6 has organised a cake sale tomorrow after school in aid of Little Princess Trust.

Please bring in any cake donations on the day and remember some money for after school if you would like to purchase a cake.....yum!

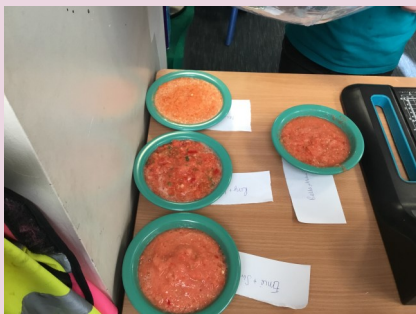


Willow Class focus -

Year 5 took part in a STEM K'nex workshop this week which they all LOVED! They worked in pairs and really challenged their resilience. They produced some fantastic creations.



Willow class have been cooking in a come dine with me style! They have made salsa from onions, peppers, tomatoes and garlic which they enjoyed with tortilla chips!



TT Rock Stars Competition

A battle of the bands TT rockstars competition has been set up for years 2–6.

The competition opens on Friday at 3pm and closes on Monday 19th February at 9am. There will be prizes for the winners in each year.

Good luck!



Wanted! Clean plastic milk bottle lids of ANY COLOUR!

We have delivered our first lot of milk bottle lids to be recycled—thank you! The plastic is recycled and sold with the proceeds going to fund guide dogs for the blind. Last year they funded training for 20 dogs.

The good news is that they now take clean milk lids of any colour!

So please get collecting and bring them in to school!



We received a lovely letter from the Director of Children's Services this week congratulating us on our ofsted report.

She wrote that it was a pleasure to read about the successes at our school, particularly about the children having a secure understanding of the school rules and therefore behaving well, having a positive attitude to learning, our well defined curriculum and how leaders have thought about how pupils can remember their learning over time.

We are very proud of our school, our staff and our children and we are sure you are too!



Chestnut class -

Chestnut class enjoyed designing, making and evaluating their healthy wraps in Design and Technology....yummy!



Year 1 enjoying our cricket taster session!



Wraparound Childcare Survey 2024

The government is aiming to ensure that all local authorities and schools have adequate wraparound childcare options from September 2024 onwards.

For this reason we need all primary schools and parents to complete a survey that will provide data for analysis so that any gaps in provision can be identified.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/noticeboard/schoolsnet-bulletin-board/wraparound-childcare-survey-2024/>

Please click the above link to the bulletin board for the deadline on completing the survey.

Lunchtime football schedule - Spring Term 2

The lunchtime football schedule for after half term will be confirmed shortly, keep your eyes peeled on dojo!



Spring Term 2

Please send your child into school wearing the appropriate clothing for either PE or Forest Adventures.



Monday	Chestnut class: PE kit			
Tuesday	Year 3 and 4 swimming (alternate weeks)			
Wednesday	Willow class: PE kit		Sycamore class: PE kit	
Thursday	Oak class: biking (no skirts or dresses)	Beech class: PE kit (Biking and PE)	Year 4: PE kit Gymnastics	Chestnut Class: Forest Adventures
Friday	Oak class: Forest Adventures		Willow class: PE kit	
Oak	Chestnut	Beech	Sycamore	Willow
*If your child is swimming or doing 'Forest Adventures' please note this is counted as a PE session.				
Swimming dates: 20.02.24, 5.03.24, 19.03.24				
Gym dates: 22.02.24, 29.02.24, 7.03.24, 14.03.24, 21.03.24				
Oak Class Biking and Beech Class (Follow my lead): 22.02.24, 29.02.24, 7.03.24, 14.03.24, 21.03.24				

Free school meals

Please remember to apply for free schools meals if you think you might be eligible. If you have applied previously and have been rejected, it is always worth reapplying as they do sometimes change the criteria that needs to be met.

For any help or support with the forms, please contact Mrs Charles or Mrs Rowley.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Diary Dates

FEBRUARY

- Thursday 8th February - Year 5 Gymnastics
- Follow my lead (biking) for Oak class
- Friday 9th February - Cake sale in aid of Little Princess Trust
(donations welcome please!)

HALF TERM

- Tuesday 20th February - Swimming Years 3 & 4
- Thursday 22nd February - Year 4 Gymnastics
- Follow my lead (biking) for Oak class
- Friday 23rd February - Archery enrichment day - whole school to wear PE kit (If your child has Forest Adventures they can wear clothes suitable for both)
- Thursday 29th February - Reception & Y6 height weight and vision checks
(just R)
- Year 4 Gymnastics
- Follow my lead (biking) for Oak class
- Friday 1st March - Non-uniform day in exchange for Easter choc
- Tuesday 5th March - Swimming - Years 3 & 4